

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days is dangerous and wrong. Giant media conglomerates have an obligation to provide fair and balanced broadcasting.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

The minimal expected would be to air a pro-Kerry piece immediately after the "Stolen Honor" piece. Then both pieces could be aired as a package with some mediators or commentators examining the different issues presented. Otherwise - it is clearly illegal.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.